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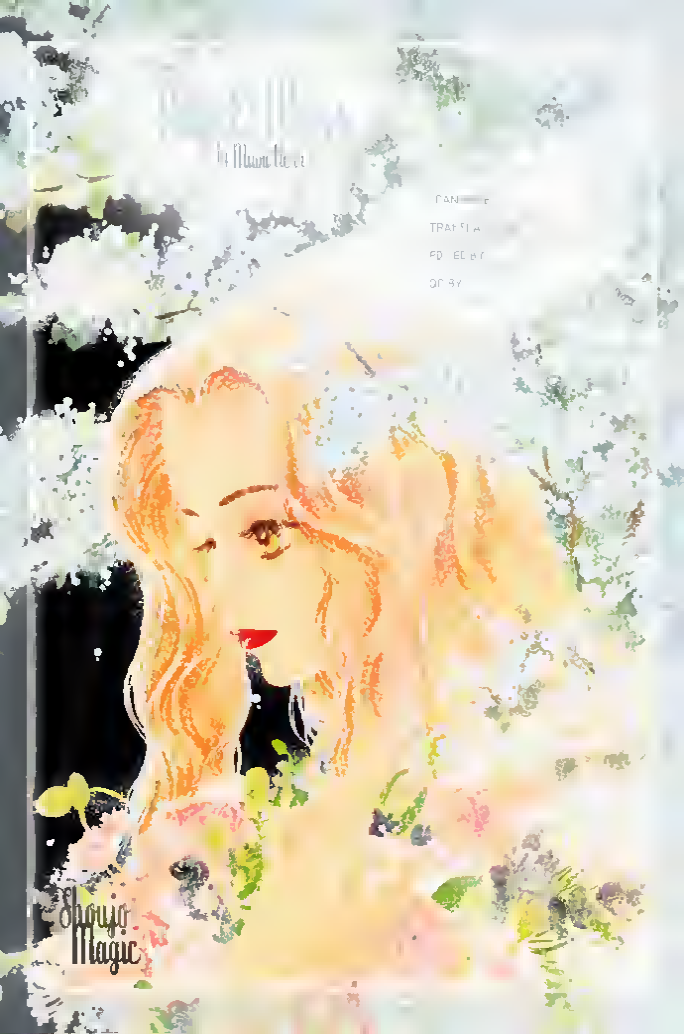
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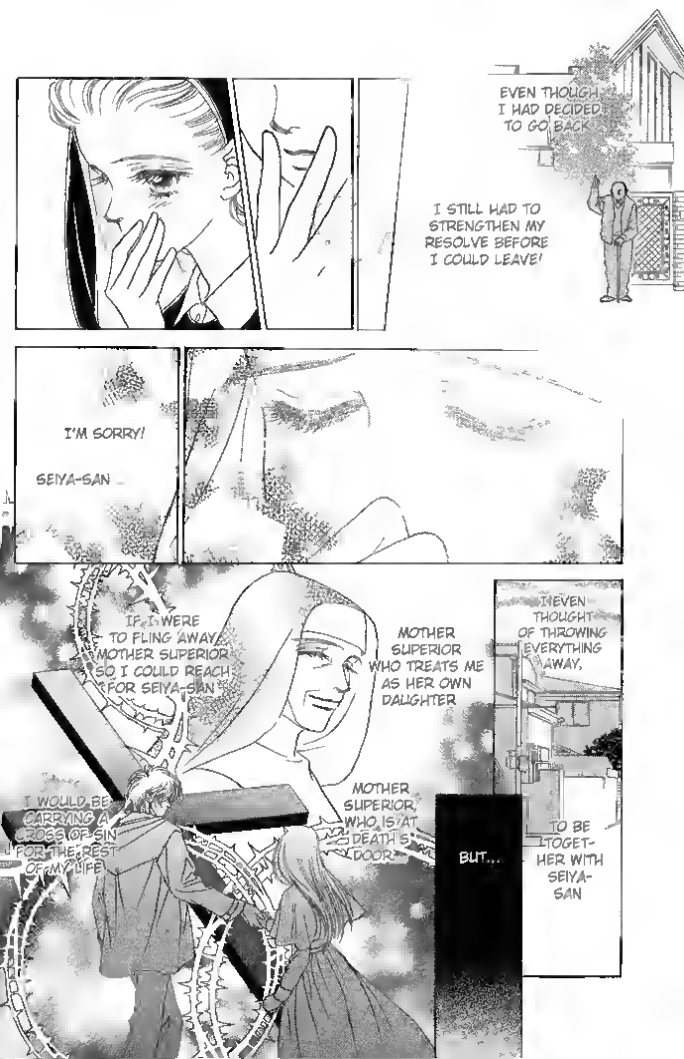
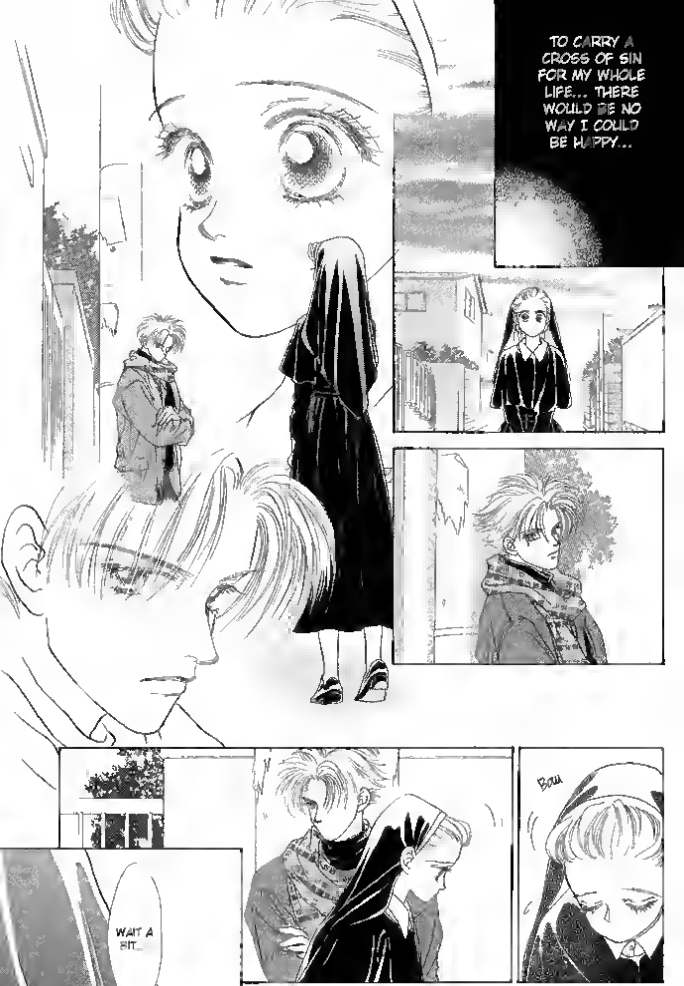
LETTING GO OF ALL DESIRES OF EARTHLY WEALTH COMMITTED TO A "VOW OF POVERTY."
CELIBACY, CLEAN LIVING, COMMITTED TO "A VOW OF CHASTITY."
COMING FROM THE HEART COMPLETE FAITHFULNESS COMMITTED TO "A VOW OF OBEDIENCE"
A NUN WILL TAKE THESE THREE VOWS TO BECOME A FULL NUN

YES
YOU REALLY WANT TO RETURN TO THE CONVENT?
I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FOREVER LIVE HAPPILY WITH KATSUMI AND THE REST...
THE PROFESSION OF VOWS CEREMONY IS TOMORROW, RIGHT?
THEN AT LEAST UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING STAY WITH ME
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER EASILY AGAIN.
I'M SORRY!
GRANDFATHER


EVEN THOUGH I HAD DECIDED TO GO BACK
I STILL HAD TO STRENGTHEN MY RESOLVE BEFORE I COULD LEAVE!
I'M SORRY!
SEIYA-SAN...
IF I WERE TO FLING AWAY MOTHER SUPERIOR SO I COULD REACH FOR SEIYA-SAN
MOTHER SUPERIOR WHO TREATS ME AS HER OWN DAUGHTER
I EVEN THOUGHT OF THROWING EVERYTHING AWAY,
TO BE TOGETHER WITH SEIYA-SAN
BUT...
MOTHER SUPERIOR, WHO IS AT DEATH'S DOOR
I WOULD BE CARRYING A CROSS OF SIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE


TO CARRY A CROSS OF SIN FOR MY WHOLE LIFE... THERE WOULD BE NO WAY I COULD BE HAPPY...
BOW
WAIT A BIT...

YOU'RE STILL NOT A NUN!
BECOMING A NUN REQUIRES ABANDONING ALL POSSESSIONS ..
THERE IS NO NEED ANYMORE... THAT IS ALREADY
YOU FORGOT THIS
AH...
HAS SMILED
MOTHER, SHE.
JUST LIKE BE-FORE.
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IT WAS ALL
YOUR HARD WORK
PASS

KATSUMI !
THAT WATCH, YOU'D BETTER TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
IT'S WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS.
!
WHAT!?
NO WAY, RIGHT!?
Chuckle
I'M GOING
KATSUMI ..

"THANK YOU..."
IF WE..
HAD MET UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
MAYBE WE COULD HAVE ENDED UP BETTER WHO CAN TELL...
WHEN I RETURN I MUST TELL MOTHER SUPERIOR!
ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED UP TILL NOW
AND ALSO THE THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN...
AH..
EH? THESE FLOWERS... WHO HAS BEEN TO SEE YOU?
WHAT'S UP? WHY ARE YOU SO GRUMPY!?
The dead
Yay
SEIYA!
WE'RE HERE TO SEE YOU!
Are you still alive?

OH YEAH!
SEIYA THIS IS
A WOMAN...?
WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE, A WOMAN WAS PLACING THIS AT THE DOORWAY
SHE LOOKED AS THOUGH SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF SHE SHOULD ENTER THE HOSPITAL ROOM
Een
ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD
AND SHE WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL TOO! ♥
Toss
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING
DESTROYING THE GIFT FROM THE HEAVENS!?
WHO WAS IT THAT NOTIFIED MY HOUSE?
If you don't want it, you should give it to me!
ERM
AH
IT WAS THE AUNTY FROM THE DORMITORY
I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER LIKE THAT!
This is
"IF YOU HAVE TIME...PLEASE COME BACK MOTHER"?

I NEED TO REQUEST SOMETHING OF YOU...
NAOTO
I HAVE RETURNED
MOTHER SUPERIOR IS AWAITING YOU
IS THIS APPROPRIATE, MARIA ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF YOU VIEW BECOMING A NUN AS SOMETHING TO REPAY YOUR DEBT OF GRATITUDE TOWARDS ME,
THEN YOU ARE GREATLY MISTAKEN
B-BAM!
I..

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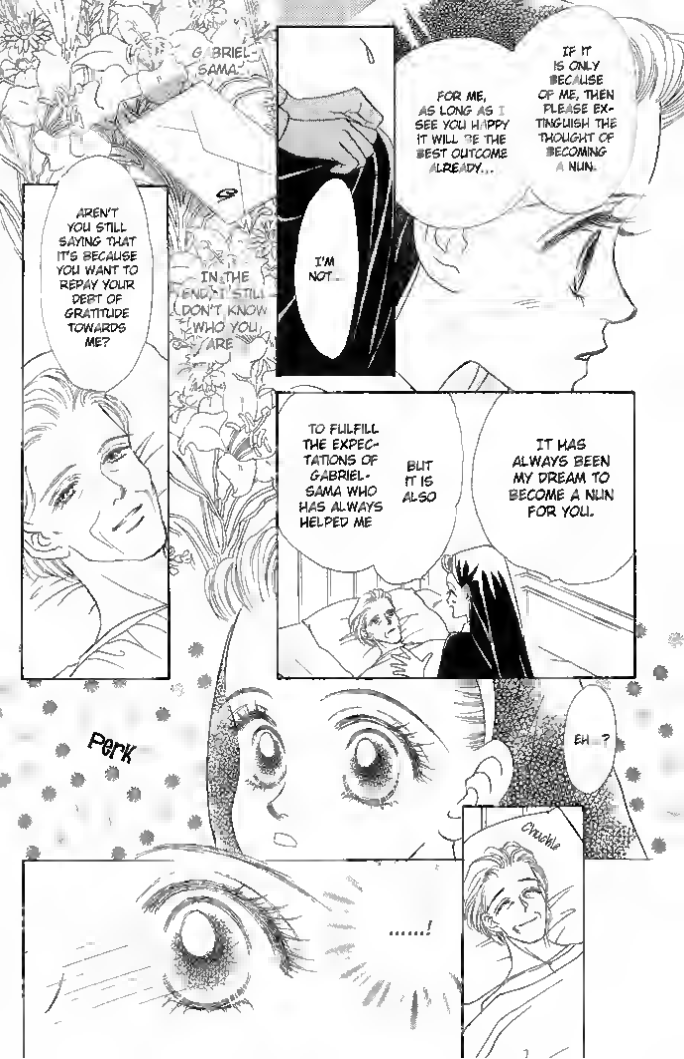
GABRIEL-SAMA...
IN THE END, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE
AREN'T YOU STILL SAYING THAT IT'S BECAUSE YOU WANT TO REPAY YOUR DEBT OF GRATITUDE TOWARDS ME?
I'M NOT...
FOR ME, AS LONG AS I SEE YOU HAPPY IT WILL BE THE BEST OUTCOME ALREADY...
IF IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF ME, THEN PLEASE EXTINGUISH THE THOUGHT OF BECOMING A NUN.
TO FULFILL THE EXPECTATIONS OF GABRIEL-SAMA WHO HAS ALWAYS HELPED ME
BUT IT IS ALSO
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO BECOME A NUN FOR YOU.
Perk
EH...?
Chuckle
.....!

I'M SORRY, I'VE DISAPPOINTED YOU.
HOW COULD I BE DISAPPOINTED!? IT'S JUST THAT...
ACTUALLY, I HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK OF GABRIEL ONLY FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS...
THAT IS TO SAY, I HAVE REALLY BECOME THE AGENT OF GABRIEL ONLY FROM THAT TIME...
THIS...
BUT...
WHY...?
IS ACTUALLY GABRIEL-SAMA...?
MOTHER SUPERI-OR...
AH...
AH...
IT CAN'T BE...
AH...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE COULD HAVE PASSED AWAY AT THAT TIME
BUT, EVEN AFTER WAITING FOR MANY DAYS HE STILL HADN'T APPEARED
ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THAT DAY HAD ALSO BROKEN OFF
I RECEIVED HIS LAST LETTER, AND IN IT HE SAID HE WANTED TO COME AND GET YOU,
IS MARIA, THE REAL GABRIEL
YOUR FATHER GOJOU RYUUICHI.
I DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO YOU.
"GABRIEL-SAMA WILL MOST, DEFINITELY SEND ME A PRESENT THIS YEAR!"
MOTHER SUPERIOR TOMORROW IS CHRISTMAS
IN THE END...
I RESOLVED NOT TO SHATTER YOUR DREAM.
FOR DECEIVING YOU FOR 9 YEARS!
MARIA, FORGIVE ME...
!

SUCH AWESOME GIFTS
EVERY YEAR TO, GET A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
SO IT WAS MOTHER SUPERIOR SHE IS GABRIEL-SAMA
AT A PLACE OF SUCH POVERTY, TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREPARE THESE GIFTS, FOR ME, MUST HAVE COST HER SO MUCH.
IT SEEMS THAT COMING BACK HERE REALLY WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.
I'M REALLY SURE OF IT.
Ave Maria!
NOW
REAL-LY...?
GRANDPA MENTIONED IT TO ME
I KNOW
THAT IS YOUR GRAND-FATHER AND I GO WAY BACK
MR. GOJOU,
IT SEEMS, RELATION-SHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE ARE REALLY UP TO FATE IT REALLY IS AMAZING

ONE TIME, I WAS AT THE BANK ON AN ERRAND,
AND COINCIDENTALLY I SAW HIM...
No way
Wait!
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SHOPKEEPER WHO SUDDENLY SAID HIS NAME I WOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED HIM,
"MR. GOJOU YOU'RE REALLY SUCH A HEADACHE!"
I PURPOSELY FOLLOWED HIM. THE RESULT WAS ASTONISHING!
HE WAS LIVING ALONE IN A MOTEL!
LIVING AN UNORDERLY LIFE
HIS HEART WAS CLOSED
THIS PERSON HAD CHANGED. HE WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM BEFORE
WHEN RYOUICHI LEFT, HE WAS VERY CLEAR,
ABOUT NEVER ACCEPTING MARIA AS A MEMBER OF THE GOJOU FAMILY...
BUT, I THINK IT WAS THE LORD'S PREDESTINED FATE

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"MARIA, HOW ARE YOU!?"
"TODAY, THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT I HAVE TO TELL YOU."
YOU REALLY CAN SAVE HER...
"YOU HAVE A FAMILY AROUND, THAT IS TO SAY..."
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
SO...
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT GRANDPA.
THAT IS...
YES...
THANKS.
Yeah, sure but...
WHY DID YOU WANT TO GET THIS?
SEIYA!
I BOUGHT IT...!

HONK HONK
Hmph!
I'M SURPRISED
YOU'RE MORE STURDY THAN I THOUGHT
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
Click
Vroom...
THAT GIRL WENT BACK.
SO MUCH FOR ELOPING
Chuckle
SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO GIVE UP
YOU KNOW BUT YOU'RE NOT STOPPING HER?
OH?
I KNOW!

"MOTHER SUPERIOR'S HEART CONDITION IS REALLY BAD..."
"SHE PROBABLY WILL NOT LIVE FOR LONG..."
IF I TOOK MARIA AWAY!
MOTHER SUPERIOR WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT AND WOULD DIE OF A HEART ATTACK.
THE PEOPLE THERE ALREADY KNOW THAT WE ARE SIBLINGS!
IF NOT SIBLINGS.
OF COURSE I DON'T WANT MARIA TO BECOME A NUN!
IF ONLY MARIA AND I WERE NOT SIBLINGS, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE RESTRAINING MYSELF LIKE THIS...
HMM
SIBLINGS
!?
IN THE PROCESS RESCUED BY A MAN.
WHEN THREE YEARS OLD, MOTHER WANTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE WITH YOU,
ABE SEIYA, BORN 1979, MAY 16TH. FATHER NOBUHIKO, MOTHER SUMIRE

THAT ..
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT!?
OF COURSE I RESEARCHED IT! THESE ARE RECORDS FROM GRANDPA'S PEOPLE WHO WERE FOLLOWING DAD.
THE PERSON THAT RESCUED YOU AND YOUR MOTHER WAS RYOUICHI GOJOU!
THE PERSON YOU CALL "FATHER," IS HE REALLY YOUR FATHER?
THAT ..?
GO.
HOLD ON!
YES!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS?
YOU
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ..?

1/3 Freetalk

I like to draw sketches in the "Freetalks" ♥

I definitely like it more than drawing the manga itself. However I'm also very happy with drawing some of the glamorous clothing in the manga ☆

When I have time I also like to draw flowers very much

IF YOU, LIKE ME, DO THINGS WITHOUT REALIZING THE TRUTH, THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES THAT YOU CAN'T AVOID

Vrrrrrrrrrr

I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU!

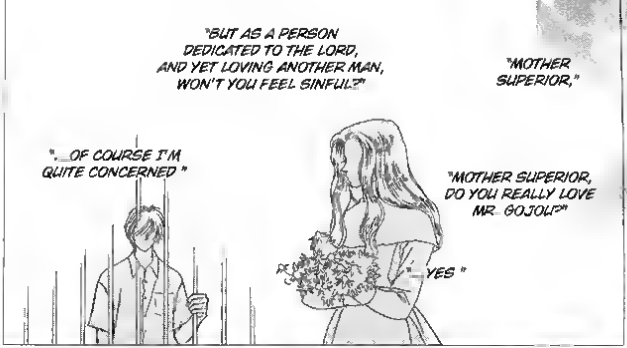
WHAT...?

!

CAIN!!

VRROOOM

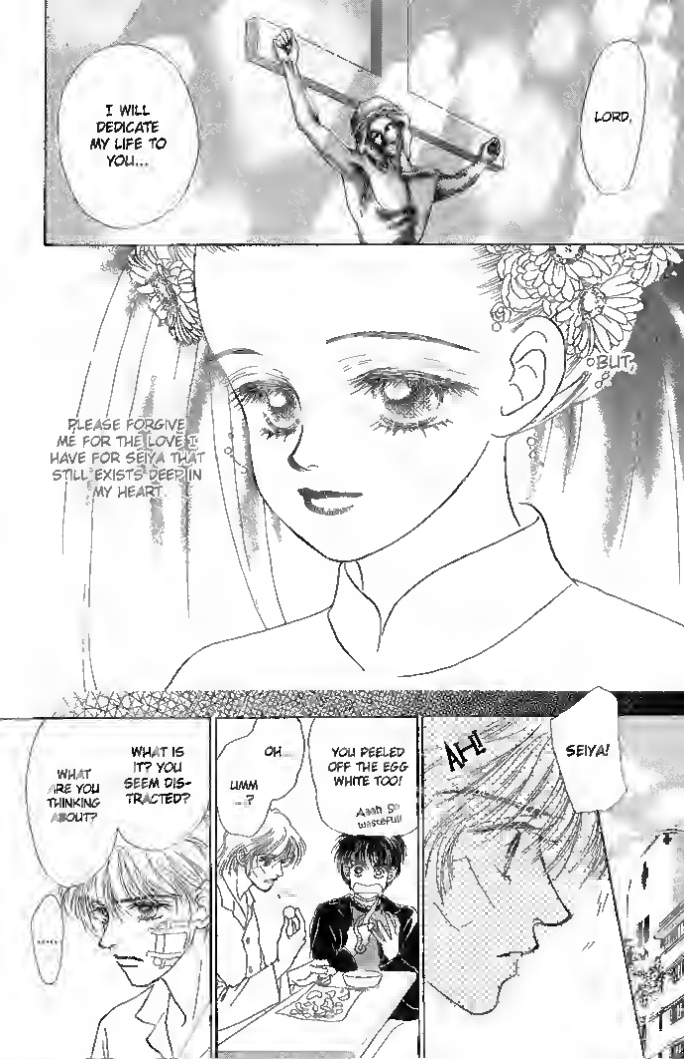
Ding Dong


"BUT AS A PERSON DEDICATED TO THE LORD, AND YET LOVING ANOTHER MAN, WON'T YOU FEEL SINFUL?"
"MOTHER SUPERIOR,"
"...OF COURSE I'M QUITE CONCERNED."
"MOTHER SUPERIOR, DO YOU REALLY LOVE MR. GOJOU?"
"...YES."

"WHY, BE SO DEPRESSED, MARIA? BEING ABLE TO LOVE SOMEONE IS A WONDERFUL THING."
"LOVING A PERSON IS NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU LOVE THE LORD LESS."
IN THE END, MOTHER SUPERIOR AT THAT TIME,
SHE SAID TO ME.

TO LOVE A PERSON,
IS NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU LOVE THE LORD LESS

BECAUSE OF THESE WORDS, I WAS ABLE TO FIND MY OWN WAY.
COME.
IT'S READY

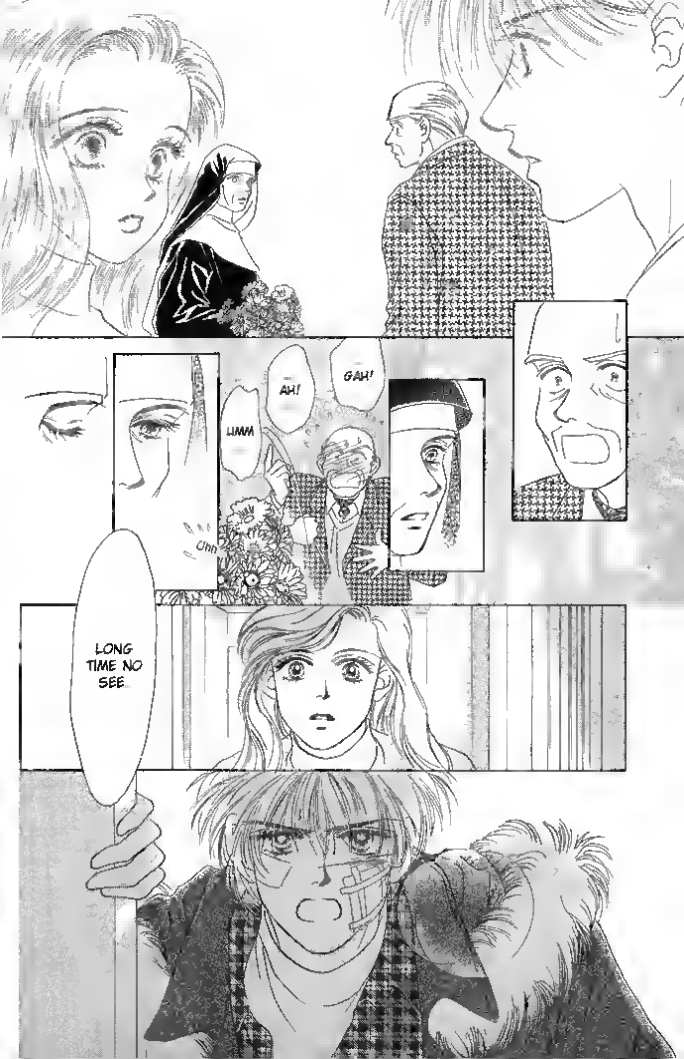

I WILL DEDICATE MY LIFE TO YOU...
LORD,
BUT,
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THE LOVE I HAVE FOR SEIYA THAT STILL EXISTS DEEP IN MY HEART.
SEIYA!
AH!
YOU PEELED OFF THE EGG WHITE TOO!
Awh so wasteful!
OH...
UMM...?
WHAT IS IT? YOU SEEM DISTRACTED?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
.....

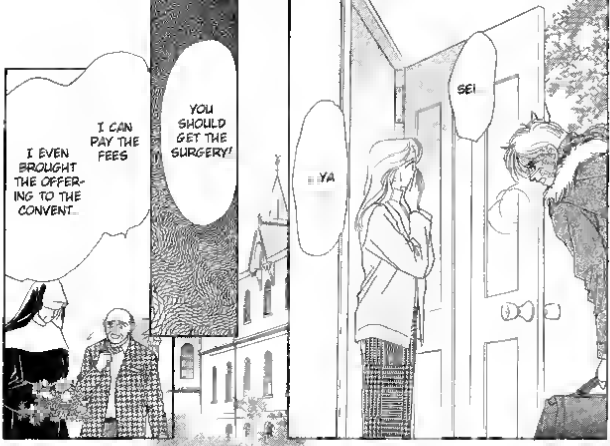
"THE PERSON YOU CALL "FATHER," IS HE REALLY YOUR FATHER?"
Ee-
-eeh?
SEIYA AND MARIA AREN'T SIBLINGS?
EH?
THAT'S WHAT GOJOU SAID, NOT TOO BELIEVABLE...
YOU CAN GO ASK YOUR MOM TO GET THE TRUTH!
OH... REALLY ...BUT,
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING BACK TO THAT PLACE!
YOU'RE STILL MAD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE?
OF COURSE!!
THAT WOMAN WANTED TO KILL ME!
BUT SEIYA ...
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHY SHE WANTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE, SO SHE WAS GOING TO DO THAT.
WHO WOULD HATE SUCH A YOUNG CHILD SO MUCH AS TO WANT TO KILL HIM?
HOW OLD WERE YOU BACK THEN?
3 YEARS OLD?
4 YEARS OLD?
REASON?
—
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE GETTING UPSET, SEIYA!
TODAY
MARIA'S CEREMONY!
WHAT?
WHEN IS IT?
Today?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO EARLIER!?
THROW
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO SEE MARIA AGAIN!?
UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO BE FOREVER SEPARATED FROM MARIA?
YOU HAVE TO GO TO SEE YOUR MOM RIGHT AWAY!
!

Ding-dong-
CAN I HELP YOU?
I HEARD THAT I CAN ATTEND MISS MARIA'S VOW TAKING CEREMONY...
YES!
NERVOUS
ARE YOU A RELATIVE?
THEN PLEASE COME IN!
THE WIND OUTSIDE IS STRONG. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH...
MOTHER SUPERIOR
ARE THE CANDLES READY?
QUICK!
JUST TAKE IT!
JUST CHANGE IN THE CAR!
TAKE IT! YOUR STUFF!
THE FLOOR IS DIRTY. CLEAN IT! QUICK!
AND THE FATHER OF THE CEREMONY?
THANKS, NAOTO!

PRRRRRR...
RUN
RUN
I WILL GO BACK AFTER A LITTLE BIT.
I WANT TO PICK SOME FLOWERS FOR MARIA.
Step
Step
Step
Step
Phew!
I'M SORRY, I GOT LOST WHILE COMING BACK FROM THE BATHROOM.
Umm
CAN YOU TELL ME HOW I CAN GET BACK
Abe


GAH!
AH!
UMM
Uhh
LONG TIME NO SEE


SE!
YA
YOU SHOULD GET THE SURGERY!
I CAN PAY THE FEES
I EVEN BROUGHT THE OFFERING TO THE CONVENT...

THANK YOU...
BUT...
EVEN WITH THE SURGERY, THERE'S ONLY A 30% CHANCE OF SUCCESS
YOU'RE WRONG
THE LORD GAVE YOU A 30% CHANCE TO LIVE
HIS INTENT IS FOR YOU TO LIVE
NO MATTER WHAT DON'T GIVE UP LIVING
THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT MARIA TOLD ME...

THERE'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT! EVERY SECOND COUNTS RIGHT NOW!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
TELL ME... THE ONE THAT I KEEP CALLING FATHER, IS HE MY BIOLOGICAL FATHER?
I BEG YOU! MOTHER! PLEASE TELL ME THE TRUTH!
OPEN

ABE NUBU-HIKO
IT IS THIS MAN
WHO IS YOUR FATHER
DRUNKARD, UNFAITHFUL, TAKING OTHERS LIFE SAVINGS
HE MADE ME SUFFER A MARRIAGE THAT HAD NO PEACE.
IN THE END LEAVING ONLY DEBTS AND LOVERS ALL OVER THE PLACE
WHEN I CAME TO MY SENSES, I SAW THAT I WAS TAKING YOU TO THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN.
EVEN IF I WANTED TO START OVER, I DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH
AFTER HE LEFT US, I HELD ONTO YOU, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO...
AT THAT TIME, IT WAS MR. GOJOU WHO SAVED US
HE WAS AFRAID THAT I WOULD DESPAIR AGAIN SO HE STAYED WITH ME,
UNTIL I RECOVERED.

ALL THE MORE I WANTED THIS TO NEVER END...
WHEN I SAW YOU CALLING HIM DAD,
MORE AND MORE I WANTED TO CONTINUE THIS KIND OF LIFE
BUT BECAUSE OF HIS COMPASSION I FELT SO HAPPY...
"WHEN LILY WAS PREGNANT WITH MARIA, SHE WAS ATTACKED, AND ALMOST DIED."
"THAT'S RIGHT, SHE AND SEIYA ARE ABOUT THE SAME AGE."
"MARIA?"
"THAT'S THE CHILD THAT MY PRECIOUS LILY LEFT BEHIND."
BUT RYOUICHI ALWAYS USED TO SAY...
"ONE DAY, I WILL DEFINITELY TAKE MARIA OVERSEAS AND HAVE A GOOD LIFE."
"DAD IS STILL LOOKING FOR ME."
"I BET IT WAS MY FATHER WHO HIRED THE PEOPLE."
"AND BECAUSE OF THAT..."
"I CAN NOT LET HIM FIND ME... AS FOR NOW, I CAN ONLY LEAVE MARIA AT A SAFE PLACE."
"...AWAY FROM ME."

KATSUMI...
WASTED ALL HIS EFFORT BY GIVING THIS TO ME
I'M SORRY
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE WATCH
OPEN
ANY-THING THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OR AFFECTS YOUR COMMITEMENT, PLEASE PUT INTO THIS BOX
THIS IS THE NECESSARY PRE-CEREMONY "RENUN-CIATION"
Senpai is not your brother
EH...?

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WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, MARIA?
YOU ALREADY DECIDED TO DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO LORD!
WHY ARE YOU STOPPING?
PLEASE WAIT!
MARIA! A LETTER FOR YOU!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
BUT...
IT'S A SPECIAL DELIVERY
SPECIAL DELIVERY ?
ALL RIGHT THEN
THERE'S NO SENDER NAME

circus
Adult
3500
Yen
A TICKET TO THE CIRCUS
AH
FALL
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IT'S FROM SEIYA..?
LILY PETALS?
OKAY... LET'S GO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY FORGOT TO PUT THE LETTER IN THERE..
THERE IS NO LETTER!
LETTER...
WHAT'S WRONG?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

HE WAS ACTUALLY AWAKE
"THIS IS GOODBYE, SEIYA."
A LILY WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY
REALLY FORGOT ?
OR...
Let me hold on to it okay?
IS THIS ALL HE HAS TO SAY..?
DO-ONG

AND A CIRCUS TICKET,
A LILY FLOWER,
WHAT IS SEIYA TRYING TO SAY...?
TO OBEY THE RULES OF THE CONVENT.
TO LIVE A LIFE OF SIMPLICITY AND FRUGALITY,
I, MARIA, TAKE A VOW BEFORE FATHER.
OUR MEMORIES ...
THEN, PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE CONVENANT.
I SWEAR ...
TO OBEY THE LORD,
LILY IS SAINT MARIA'S FLOWER.
AND THE CIRCUS, THE MEMORIES THAT BONDED US TOGETHER.
MARIA...

DROP
"FOREVER I WILL..."
"...LOVE MARIA."
IS IT REALLY
GOING TO BE LIKE THIS?

I REALLY... REALLY WANT TO SEE SEIYA ...!
I REALLY WANT TO SEE...
TO SEE...
TO CARRY THESE KINDS OF THOUGHTS,
IS IT POSSIBLE?
WHAT'S WRONG? PLEASE SIGN ON THE COVENANT...
Maria!!
SLA—AM
Pant

COMMOTION
AAH!
JESUS ?
Pant
Pant
Pant
...MA
AH!
Cough
Cough
Cough
Cough
SEIYA ...!!

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THE TWO OF US ARE NOT SIBLINGS.
NOT SIBLINGS!
!?
?
?
AND BECAUSE OF THAT,
BE-CAUSE,
I CAN GIVE MARIA MORE HAPPINESS THAN THE LORD.
I CAN COME!
AH!
GI-VE...?
THEN
MOTHER SUPE-RIOR!
YA...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE FEE FOR THE SURGERY.
MR. GOJOU

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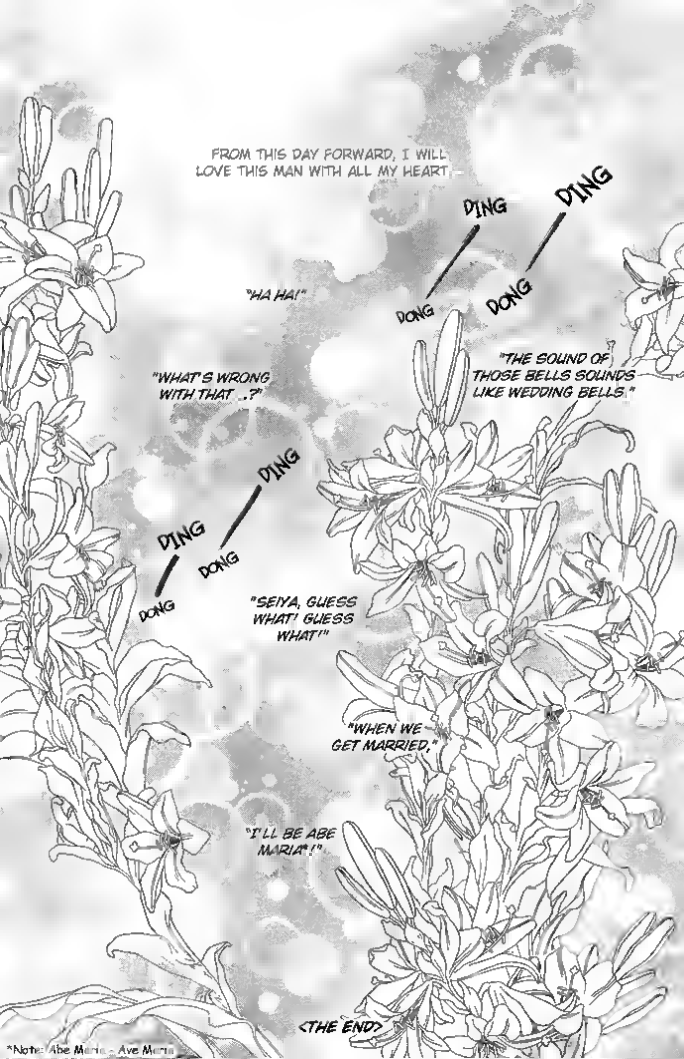
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER, YOU IMMATURE CHILD
Ah!
IF I CAN'T SEE MARIA HAPPY, I CAN'T LEAVE THIS WORLD JUST YET
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU? AS LONG AS YOU ARE HAPPY, THAT'S THE BEST REWARD FOR ME!
I'M...
MOTHER SUPERIOR...
IF YOU'RE NOT LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER, JUST DON'T LET ME KNOW.
NOW GO!

OKAY!
IT WAS A DREAM THAT I HAD EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG...
SIMPLY IT WAS A DREAM THAT NOTHING ELSE COULD COMPARE TO
TO BE LOVED BY THE PERSON THAT I LOVE



*Note: Abe Maria = Ave Maria

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